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Station unites during exercise



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Corpsmen and military police receive hands-on training during a mass casualty drill Sept. 28. Medical personnel arrived on the scene to find more than 12 simulated casualties lying in the grass with a variety of injuries.

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New pharmacy service for station residents

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
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The Branch Medical Clinic has made it easier for station residents to save time and money, while treating minor illnesses at home, with the Pharmacy's Over The Counter Program.

The Clinic Pharmacy began offering over the counter medication on a trial basis Monday, for resident convenience and to reduce the amount of non-urgent visits.

"Congestion, sniffles, aches and pains can be routinely treated at home with the proper over the counter medications," said Lt. Cmdr. Derrik Clay, Branch Medical Clinic Pharmacist and Head of Ancillary Services. "The program makes it more convenient for station residents, by not having to make appointments for minor illnesses."

Although the Over The Counter Program is available for service members and their families, "pay patients" can also take advantage of the program, as long as it is in conjunction with their visit to their health care provider.

There are some guidelines to follow when using the program, such as residents being limited to obtaining three medications per family per request, and the service cannot be used again within 14 days.

Another guideline is that expectant mothers and flight status personnel cannot use the service, and family members under the age of 18 cannot pick up the medications, as ordered by the United States Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, said Clay.

One of the main drawbacks of the program to be considered is patients who may try to treat a more serious illness without seeing a medical provider.

"If the symptoms a resident is treating do not begin to improve within 48 hours, we recommend seeking advice from a medical provider," according to the Hallock, Minn., native.

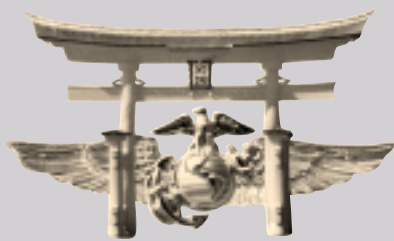
The first step while treating minor illnesses at home, should be to call the TRICARE Pacific Health Care Information Line and speak to a Registered Nurse about any medical questions they have, according to Clay.

If the trial program is not abused, and it does not become cost prohibitive, it will hopefully become a permanent program, Clay said.

The hours of the Over The Counter Program are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

For medical questions, call the TRICARE Pacific Health Care Information Line at 005-3111-4621.

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Don't cry, it's only smoke

by Sgt. Michael Wiener
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Some of the best, worst and most interesting times I've had in the Marine Corps were spent as an 0311 with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

In February 1994, at Pohakaloa Training area — a destination Hawaii travel agencies don't advertise — the company prepared for a long-range movement to contact. It was cold, wet and miserable, a nice change from the usual hot, dry and miserable, but miserable none the less.

Allowed to take only what could fit in our butt-packs, ponchos and poncho liners were pretty much the rule. First, Second and Weapons, Platoons strapped gas masks to their legs, but our platoon, "Third Herd," left them behind.

As point man for the company, I made first eye contact with the enemy position. They appeared to be asleep, but like every field exercise, received a call from the rear confirming our presence.

Immediately they awoke and tossed grenades our way. Soon a big cloud of smoke formed in front of us. My nose twitched, trying to nail down the odoriferous cloud of smoke. It was tear gas.

"Sir," I yelled to my platoon commander, a salty second lieutenant, "they have gas!"

He yelled back, "Wiener that's not gas, it's smoke. Everyone get on line, and prepare to assault through."

"Sir, it's gas," I said, as the cloud grew bigger. "Assault through NOW!" the battle-hardened warrior yelled.

So there we went, Third Platoon, charging straight into a cloud of smoke, no gas masks, just a blind sense of fury.

The first strong whiff of gas hit me like a bad case of gingivitis. "Some smoke this is," I thought. The gas was so strong it would have knocked me over had I not been so ticked off.

I can imagine the scene would have played nicely in slow-motion in a movie, because it was total chaos. Marines, coughing and hacking, rushed around in a cloud of gas to find and "kill" the enemy, while being hit with gas grenades.

One of the "enemy" driving a hummer dragged our executive officer into the night clinging to the side view mirror. When the smoke cleared around 3 a.m., we stood coughing and hacking, looking at our fearless platoon commander who said, "I thought it was smoke."

As miserable as the night was, I look back and smile. Macho Marines don't cry, except when hit with tear gas and lacking gas masks.

Corps News

Flight ends with cheers for corpsman

by Cpl. Roman Yurek
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

MCB HAWAII, KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii — Flying from Los Angeles to Boston at 23,000 feet above the Rocky Mountains, a 25-year-old Navy Hospital Corpsman from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, had to put his lifesaving skills to use on a man more than twice his age and in a space about a foot wide.

In early August, Petty Officer 3rd Class Ricardo M. Tubbs, a corpsman for Combat Service Support Group 3, was on a plane and heading to Boston for leave.

After the plane made a stop in Los Angeles, he boarded Northwest Airlines flight 944. According to Tubbs, not more than a half an hour after taking off in LA, there was a call over the intercom that said, "if there are any doctors on the plane, could they please come to the front of the plane."

Being trained in emergency medicine, Tubbs stepped forward.

"As I walked to the front of the plane, I figured it was somebody that was throwing up a lot, basically nervous of flying," said Tubbs, but when he got to the group of flight attendants, he saw an older man laying on the ground.

Immediately, Tubbs said he began checking the man's pulse and breathing. The man was breathing heavily and sweating profusely.

"I had to do what Marines do: adapt, improvise

and overcome," said Tubbs. "I didn't have an IV (intravenous) pole for the IV bag, so I had to make one out of a hanger."

Around this time, Tubbs received assistance from Richard Deichert, an emergency surgeon from California.

"He, (Deichert), told me that he knew of corpsmen, but he didn't know what they could do," said Tubbs. "He said he was impressed."

During the ordeal, Tubbs had to try and keep the victim conscious. In doing so, he found out that the man had a stroke two months prior to the flight.

For two and a half hours, Tubbs stood by the man on the plane as it made its way to Minnesota for an emergency landing. When the paramedics came onto the plane, they told Tubbs and the surgeon that they had done their job well. The passenger was transferred to a local hospital.

After serving two years in the United States Navy, Tubbs was able to apply his training to save a life while out of uniform.

"When you're a corpsman, you're a corpsman 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week," Tubbs added. "I'm no superhero, I didn't even want anyone to find out about this."

As he debarked the plane in Boston, all the passengers cheered him for a job well done. These passengers were not the only ones proud of his quick response to a situation.

When he came back to CSSG-3, his boss,

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Prowlers touch down in Iwakuni

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4, arrived in Iwakuni Tuesday, from MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. as part of a six-month Unit Deployment Program.

Lieutenant Col. Gary Slyman commands the Seahawks, consisting of approximately 150 Marines and five EA-6B Prowler aircraft.

While deployed here, the

Seahawks will fly various training missions to sharpen their skills and capabilities.

"We are looking forward to training here in Japan," said Maj. David Overton, operations officer. "The Seahawks will fly many training exercises, including close air support missions."

Originally activated as a reserve squadron, the Seahawks first deployed to Iwakuni in June 1991 to fill a squadron vacancy due to Operation Desert Storm. The squad-

ron was deactivated in September 1992. It was reactivated as an active squadron in October 1992.

The primary mission of the Seahawks is to support air strikes and ground troops by jamming enemy electronic activity.

Deployment in Japan, allows the squadron to strengthen its ties with the Marine Air Ground Task Force, according to Overton.

The crew of VMAQ-4 is also looking forward to their stay in Iwakuni.

"For many of the Marines, this is their first time overseas," said Overton. "It's exciting for them to be able to experience unique cultures and visit new places. They are looking forward to seeing the sites in Japan"

Along with training in Iwakuni, they also plan on deploying to other areas throughout the Pacific.

"No matter where we are sent," said Overton. "You can depend on the Seahawks to be there on time and on target."

LINKS team trains mentors

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Adjusting to military lifestyle and a new location can be difficult for spouses of service members. There are mentors aboard the air station that can assist with just that.

There are now more than 25 mentors on station who are able to assist spouses with learning all aspects of Marine Corps life, from history and traditions to investing time into the community.

Thirteen new mentors to the Iwakuni Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills team were added after attending a three-day course led by three LINKS trainers from Headquarters Marine Corps. Mentors will use the program's training segments to educate spouses about Marine Corps life.

"The mentor is here to help the individual make the transition into the military life style," said Marti West, Headquarters Marine Corps LINKS Trainer from Okinawa.

"Links is a 10 1-2 hour program for spouses," said Katie Grindle, director of links training from Beaufort, S.C. "It helps them figure out where they fit into the Marine Corps family."

During the classes, new mentors learned public speaking and presentation techniques, so they could get their message out when it is their turn to address other spouses.

"A spouse will go through LINKS and learn what's available to them on the base like Key Volunteers, the commissary, post office and anything else you would need while on station," said Cammie Wolfe, new LINKS mentor.

The mentors also cover how to deal with deployments and understand leave and earning statements.

"The military world is totally different from the civilian world, and it's nice to go to a place where you can meet people, make friends and



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Gayle Masck, LINKS mentor graduate, receives her LINKS mentor certificate from Col. John DeWitt, MAG-12 commanding officer, and Janice Wilkins, LINKS team leader.

learn a lot," said Wolfe, a native of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

New mentors will have the opportunity to use what they have learned during upcoming LINKS classes Nov. 4.

According to Grindle, there isn't any spouse that can't benefit from attending the classes. Currently Iwakuni is the only place where Japanese spouses can also attend and learn about the Marine Corps and American Customs in a bilingual class setting.

"We have approximately 200 spouses on base that are Japanese, and the majority of them will be going back to the United States," said Kathy Schaffer, family readiness support officer's assistant. "Some of them do not speak very much English, so this will at least help them to make that first starting point."

The LINKS instructors visit each Marine Corps base once a year from the United States, to provide classes to improve the family team building process. After the classes, new mentors have the tools to best inform spouses.

"For any new spouse I would say this is the first thing they need to go through," Wolfe said.

For more information about participating in a LINKS class or becoming a mentor call 253-3754.

News Briefs

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is looking for donations for service members deployed to Bosnia, Kosovo, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the holidays. Suggested items include holiday decorations, cards, candy, shower items, writing materials, and travel games. For more information call Red Cross at 253-4525.

Crime Prevention Month 2000

The station will host many events in October for Crime Prevention Month 2000. Some of these events include McGuff's birthday party, child identification, bike rodeo, walk-a-thon, Women's Self Defense Seminar, Halloween Safety brief, and coloring contest. For more information call Staff Sgt. Young at 253-3471.

Monitors Visit

Officer monitors are scheduled to conduct interviews Oct. 23. Enlisted monitors are scheduled to arrive in December. For appointments call Manpower at 253-3469 or 253-6745.

Commissary Closure

The Commissary will be closed Tuesday, in observance of Columbus Day. Regular store hours will resume Wednesday.

Air Station Cleanup

To maintain a neat and orderly appearance, the air station will conduct an ongoing thorough policing of buildings and associated grounds. Department heads and tenant commands will fully participate in the "Clean Up The Air Station Days," beginning Oct. 13.



photo by Lance Cpl. Richard Longhi

Newly promoted Chief Petty Officer Neal O'Hanrahan, Branch Medical Clinic, leading Chief Petty Officer of Urgent Care, salutes his fellow chiefs, who welcome him into the rank.

Transformation into new horizons

Chief Pinning Ceremony honors Sailors achievements when reaching highlight of their careers ...

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
Torii Teller Staff

A select eight Sailors on station earned the spotlight in a ceremony held Sept. 15, honoring them for achieving the rank of chief petty officer.

"This is the first time the air station has had a pinning ceremony like this one," said Chief Petty Officer Neal O'Hanrahan, Branch Medical Clinic, leading Chief Petty Officer of Urgent Care. "In the past, the pinning ceremonies were held in small settings for family members and close friends. This time, the ceremony was held at Club Iwakuni and the entire air station was invited."

Unlike E-7s in other services, Navy Chiefs must go through a transformation period, before they pin on their new rank.

According to O'Hanrahan, from Paramus, N.J., and newly promoted chief, the transformation process begins with intense mental and physical training to make them into better leaders. It's a transfor-

mation from a "deck plate" Sailor into the khaki community.

Once the Sailors have donned anchors on their collars, they give away their dungaree uniforms for khaki uniforms, a symbol of their transformation.

Navy chiefs are considered to be the technical experts in their jobs. When Sailors reach the rank of chief, they become what their rank states. To become unit, office or section chiefs, they must be prepared mentally and physically.

For six weeks, the newly selected chiefs under went rigorous physical training and mental training, constantly having their skills tested by chiefs senior to them.

"During the transformation, we participated in a lot of organized physical training to build up our physical stamina," O'Hanrahan said. "We were also tested on our knowledge of Naval history and traditions."

During the period, the chief selects also volunteered for various community services and raised funds by washing cars, holding food sales and finding

time to plant a tree behind the station Youth Center.

When their transformation was complete, it was time for the ceremony. Some of the Sailors realized that it was worth all the work.

"Words couldn't describe how I felt," said Chief Petty Officer Vincent Hodges, Facilities Motor Transportation maintenance chief. "It finally hit me that afternoon. It's a great accomplishment for all of us who made it."

At the ceremony, 37 chiefs formed an aisle to welcome the new chiefs into their ranks.

As a bell rang out, and the

boatswain's whistle blew, the Sailors marched their way proudly through the aisle, into a territory they have only hoped for until now.

"This is the greatest day of my life," said O'Hanrahan. "A chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy means you've basically hit the pinnacle of your career."

Although they have just been promoted, the new chiefs attribute their achievement to the service members who helped them get there.

"None of us would be a chief today, if it wasn't for the troops," said Hodges, from Ellaville, Ga.

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Command Senior Chief Petty Officer Daniel Dubois from Medical Company, CSSG-3, congratulated Tubbs.

Combat Service Support Group 3 recognized the corpsman by awarding him a Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal.

"Also, the sergeant major of CSSG-3 (Sgt. Maj. Charles Funk) shook my hand and congratulated me," said Tubbs. "It's a big deal for a sergeant major to know who you are."

Tubbs didn't want anyone to find out about his actions during the flight, but when he decided to stand up on that plane to assist in an unknown situation, he proved to the more than 200 passengers, his unit and to other corpsman that Navy corpsman are trained for any situation.

"I know that if it was any of the other corpsman on the island, they would have been able to do the same thing," Tubbs added.



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Seaman Marcus Larrieu, a Branch Medical Clinic corpsman, loads a simulated casualty into an ambulance during the mass casualty exercise Sept. 28.



Scribes, not directly participating in the exercise, take notes as a military policeman uses his radio to transmit the condition of the injured and overall situation back to PMO.

Successful exercise brings units together

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Shortly after the shrieking sound of the crash horn at about 8 a.m., the air station began an aircraft mishap drill and mass casualty exercise intended to improve response time and communication between station units Sept. 28.

Although the exercise was a simulated mid-air collision, tactics used to bring the units together in the planning and implementation phase can be applied to any disaster situation.

"This was not just for an aircraft mishap, it could be a typhoon or earthquake," said Maj. Gregory Glasser, Air Station Operations Officer. "This exercise enhances our preparedness and response."

Three events took place during the exercise and allowed training for all units involved, from Search and Rescue to Public Affairs. A mass-casualty drill and simulated fire, tested medical and fire personnel. Simulated unexploded ordnance gave explosive ordnance disposal Marines a chance to train; and survivors in the water kept SAR in the air.

"The more we train and the more we drill, the better off we are," said Chief Philip Avery, MCAS Iwakuni fire chief and native of Kent, Wash. "If the real thing comes around we will be prepared for it."

Other than the hands-on training exercise participants received, scribes stood to the side and collected information to be used later in a debrief.

"Hopefully we will catch the little things that may help us in an actual event," said Sgt. Dustin Nelson, Provost Martial's Office training non commissioned officer, from behind his video camera.

"We will have a training debrief to discuss what went right and what went wrong, and how we can improve our training."

According to the Arlington, Texas. native, the military police who arrived first on the scene performed just as they had been trained, while providing security and initial medical attention.

Scribes from PMO and Medical circled the area, observing and recording actions of their fellow Marines and Sailors, while they comforted and transported the injured.

"We're wasting our time if we don't capture in writing the lessons learned," said Glasser when referring to the scribes. "We're going to take all the input from the units and make improvements."

As with any training, the purpose is to become better. Not everything went smoothly but it was the glitches that taught lessons for future use. One of the purposes of the exercise was to test and challenge station units with a worst-case scenario, according to Glasser.

"In today's busy Marine Corps, there is always a need to prepare for the possibility of a mishap," the Virginia Beach, Va., native said. "I think just getting the people together and learning their faces and personalities was the biggest part of making this a success."

Directing traffic, one pla

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

All jobs in the Marine Corps have a certain level of responsibility, but only one involves keeping several aircraft racing around the sky and out of each other's path.

Every day planes land aboard the air station without incident and behind the scenes of all those safe landings air traffic controllers are there directing from the tower.

From the first light of day, air traffic controllers look out over the runway ready to assist takeoffs, landings and any aircraft within a five-mile radius of the air station, all while maintaining hundreds of rules and regulations.

"The job of the tower is to provide safe and expeditious landing of aircraft, to ensure pilots are landing safely," said Sgt. James Rarding, air traffic controller.

Within the tower there are four important stations necessary to keep things moving smoothly. It takes four controllers to operate the tower, each specially trained to work their station.

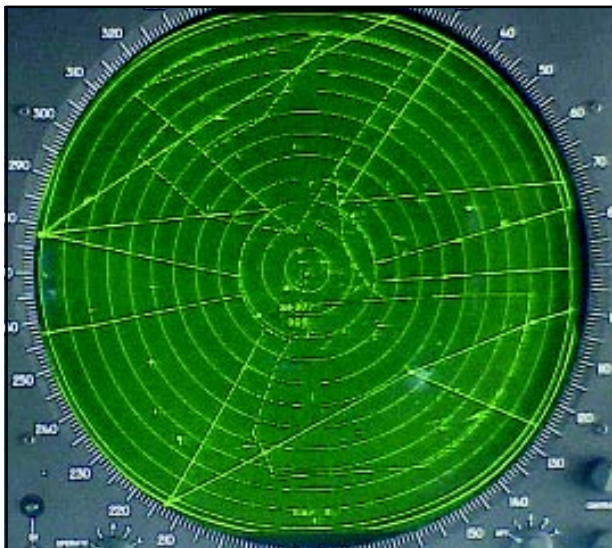
The first position is ground control. The individual manning this seat controls all aspects of the ground.

"Ground control communicates with all the aircraft that are on the ground and all vehicles operating on the air station," Rarding said.

Another green swivel chair holds the Marine in charge of flight data. "Flight" coordinates with weather and flight planning to get the flight schedules and weather reports for the tower.

When it comes to getting the planes in motion, it's the local controller that gives the green light for the afterburners to kick in.

"He is in charge of all the aircraft that are in the air within five miles of the air station," said Rarding, a



Radar allows air traffic controllers to see aircraft before they are within visual range or when there is low visibility.

native of Mattoon, Ill.

The supervisor is the last piece of the puzzle that oversees the tower and makes sure everyone is doing their part correctly.

The training they receive to ensure they are doing their job correctly is not just for their military occupational specialty, but it's also considered professional training by the civilian work force.

"When we come out of school we are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration," said Staff Sgt. Recardos McQueen, tower watch supervisor. "Right now, any of us here are qualified to work for the FAA."

Although their initial training only takes four months, every day is a learning experience. Each seat in the tower here must be earned through months of testing despite how much time they spent doing the job at a prior duty station.

"It's a constant training schedule," McQueen said. "20 years in the Marine Corps is 20 years of training."

The tower is more than just four Marines sitting in a small-elevated room telling aircraft where to go. They have a responsibility to oversee how the planes operate around the station.

"It's like you're the referee in a football game," said McQueen, a native of Douglas, Ga. "We make sure everything goes according to plan."

The rules of the runway and acceptable flight are contained within several thick black binders, but controllers must memorize the contents so they can deal with situations without hesitation.

There are rules the tower ensures the pilots don't break. No flights can drop below 4000 feet when passing over Iwakuni City and F/A-18s can only turn



Lance Cpl. Alfonso Covarrubiaz, air traffic control specialist, logs in a flight as it leaves the air station. When aircraft arrive or depart it is the job of flight data to log the information on to base operations.

away from the air station at a high rate of speed during designated hours to prevent excessive noise. "If the aircraft is out of the five mile area, they are no longer required to listen to us," Rarding said. "If they are within another airport's control zone they have to listen to that airport."

The tower enforces these rules, along with many others, but it is up to who is on the other end of the radio to carry out the calls from the tower.

"No matter what we tell the pilots, it's up to them to do it," McQueen said.

The fact that there are also Japanese controllers does not mean there is a language barrier. It's the mission of the tower.

"The language of air traffic control is English," Rarding said. "If Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force pilots are flying we have a JMSDF controller."

Although the job may seem hectic at times, it's not boring at all. The control tower and its staff are essential to air station operations and they would rather do.

"A lot of people say this is the most challenging job in the Marine Corps," McQueen said. "By the way, it's one of the best jobs in the military. I like it and I wouldn't give it up for anything."



Petty Officer 2nd class Masafumi Miyamoto, tower flight data controller and Staff Sgt. Recardos McQueen, tower watch supervisor look out over the runway as an aircraft prepares to depart.

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photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

From the small room atop the tower, air traffic controllers can watch everything that happens on the airfield.

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12:35 ESPNNews			Sunday			Tuesday			7:00 Sabrina, The Teenage Witch (TV-G)		
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: What's Up, Doc? (TV-G)			1:30 Baseball Tonight (ESPN)			12:35 ESPNNews			7:30 Boy Meets World (TV-PG)		
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1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: Days Of Thunder (TV-PG)			1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: The Fighting Seabees (TV-PG)						5:30 Headline News		
3:15 Movies 'til Dawn: Gold Rush (TV-PG)			3:05 Movies 'til Dawn: Last Embrace (TV-PG)						6:00 Pacific Report		
5:00 Today Show			5:00 Headline News						6:33 CNN/SI		
7:00 Zoboomafoo (TV-Y)			5:30 ESPNNews						7:00 Presidential Debate (ABC) Winston-Salem, N.C.		
7:30 Arthur (TV-Y)			6:00 Today Show						9:00 NYPD Blue (TV-14)		
8:00 Disney's Pepper Ann (TV-G)			9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)						10:00 Pacific Report		
8:30 Wild Thornberrys			10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)						10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno		
9:00 Pokemon (TV-Y)			10:30 Bodyshaping						11:35 Late Show with David Letterman		
9:30 So Weird (TV-PG)			11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)						Friday		
10:00 Discover Magazine			12:00 NBC Nightly News						12:35 ESPNNews		
11:00 Hometown (TV-PG)			12:30 Wheel Of Fortune						1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: Pueblo (TV-PG)		
11:30 California's Gold			1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)						2:50 Movies 'til Dawn: An Officer And A Gentleman (TV-PG)		
12:00 NBC Nightly News			1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)						5:00 Headline News		
12:30 Navy/Marine Corps News			2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)						5:30 ESPNNews		
1:00 Sports (TBD)			3:05 Disney's PB&J Otter (TV-Y)						6:00 Today Show		
4:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)			3:30 Disney's Aladdin (TV-Y)						9:00 Sesame Street		
5:00 Entertainers			4:00 Bill Nye The Science Guy								
6:00 Headline News			4:30 All That (TV-Y)								
6:30 ESPNNews			5:00 Jeopardy!								
7:00 JAG (TV-PG)			5:30 Headline News								
8:00 Once And Again (TV-PG)			6:00 Headline News								
9:00 20/20			6:33 CNN/SI								
10:00 Headline News: AFN Special			7:00 60 Minutes								
11:30 AFN Special: 20th Annual Tejano			8:00 Touched By An Angel (TV-PG)								
			9:00 The West Wing (TV-14)								
			10:00 Pacific Report								
			10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno								

Find additional TV schedules and sports teams names at www.ivakuni.usmc.mil.



Sakura Theater

Friday	
7 p.m.	Space Cowboys
10 p.m.	Hollow Man
Saturday	
4 p.m.	Space Cowboys
7 p.m.	Hollow Man
10 p.m.	Coyote Ugly
Sunday	
4 p.m.	Chicken Run
7 p.m.	Space Boys
Monday	
7 p.m.	Hollow Man
Tuesday	
7 p.m.	Space Cowboys
Wednesday	
7 p.m.	Chicken Run
Thursday	
Closed	

Space Cowboys (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for some language. (130 minutes)

A 60-year-old astronaut (Clint Eastwood) is sent on a mission to repair a broken satellite that threatens to cause a disaster on Earth if it falls from outerspace. The only catch is that he insists that three of his friends (Tommy Lee Jones, James Garner, and Donald Sutherland), who were not originally selected in the astronaut training program, accompany him as his crew.

Hollow Man (R)

Rated R for strong violence, language and some sexuality/nudity. (113 minutes)

A team of scientists is assigned to a secret government research project to experiment with the possibility of invisibility. When they find that one of their formulas works on animals, Dr. Sebastian Caine (Kevin Bacon) violates the rules of the project and tries it on himself. It works: he becomes invisible, but soon after that the team find that the formula is irreversible. He suspects his colleagues, Linda McCay (Elisabeth Shue) and Matt Kensington (Josh Brolin) of sabotaging him: making him invisible forever, and he decides to seek revenge on them.

Chicken Run (G)

Rated G.

This engaging stop-motion, claymation adventure tells the story of an American rooster who falls in love with a gorgeous hen on a British farm. The couple decides to run away from the farm, but they must first contend with the evil farmer who is intent on keeping them under her control.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:

Oct. 7-27
"X-Men" - 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

New Central I:

Oct. 6-13
"U-571" - 10:25 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 6:55 p.m., (Sat. only) 11:20 p.m.
"Gone In Sixty Seconds" - 12:35 p.m., 4:50 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:15 p.m.

New Central II:

Oct. 7 - end of October
"The Kid" - 10:10 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 6:10 p.m., (Sat. only) 10:10 p.m.

New Central III:

Oct. 6 - end of October
"The Patriot" - 1 p.m., 6 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:50 p.m.

Classified Ads

Vehicles for sale

—1985 Mazda Bongo, full-size van, must sell, JCI till April 2001, \$800/obo. Call HM2 Moffatt at 253-3184 dwh or 253-2084 awl.

—1988 Toyota Supra, 2-door, black, twin turbo, CD, cassette, nice rims, new timing belt, new water pump, JCI till May 2001, \$2,200/obo. Call Cpl. Lopeziano at 253-4615 dwh or 253-2409 awl.

—1989 Toyota Camry, 4-door, runs great, PW/PDL/PS, AM/FM cassette, automatic transmission, JCI till June 2002, \$1,200/obo. Call John Mason at 253-6767 dwh or 090-9412-5617.

—1992 Toyota Lite Ace FXV Limited van, PW/PDL, front and rear A/C, Panasonic CD player, automatic transmission, must sell, JCI till March 2001, \$2,000/obo. Call Sgt. Russell at 253-5247 dwh or 253-2694 awl.

Other items for sale

—Hitachi Visionbook Pro laptop computer and two batteries, Pentium 133MHz, 56Kbps PC card, 144MB RAM (expanded), 1.44GB HD, 1.44MB floppy disk drive, 10X CD-ROM drive, 12.1-inch active matrix SVGA TFT with 800x600 resolution, Windows 98, \$600/obo. Call Eve Jones at 253-2600.

Lost

—Lost a gold University of Maryland Class of 2000 ring with B.S. on one side and Mark Obey engraved inside. If found, please call Gunnery Sgt. Mark Obey at 253-4564 dwh or 253-2402 awl. A reward will be given for the return of the ring.

Wanted

—Japanese Ty Beanie Baby, have looked high and low, cannot find one, will trade or buy. Call Connie at 253-6556.

Job openings

—Assistant manager position is available at the Consignment Sales Shop. This is a salary position. Applications available during store hours, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call 253-4721.

—Central Texas College is in need of law, computer and child development instructors, must have a degree and three years experience. For more information call April at 253-3484 or stop by Building 411.

MCCS Job Listing

—The MCAS Iwakuni Retired Activities Office has an immediate opening for a volunteer administrative assistant. The RAO provides an invaluable service to the Iwakuni by providing caring and continued service to our fellow Marines, Sailors and their families in their retirement years. Through the RAO, retirees and local commanders communicate quality of life issues and together work to ensure that the services and benefits to which they are entitled are provided. Typical duties involve researching references, compiling information, formulating ideas, organizing files, preparing newsletters, and other similar functions. Basic administrative and customer assistance skills are essential. Experience in MS Office 97 and MS Publisher are helpful and professional training is available. This position offers a flexible work schedule with no minimum hours and free child care is available. If you enjoy working with others and are interested in helping Iwakuni's retired military community, contact the RAO Director, Mr. Ken Runyan at 253-3571 or visit our office located in Building 411, Room 201.

—The Marine New Parent Support Program is a joint effort between the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and Children's Hospital, San Diego. The program currently has an opening for a home visitor in Iwakuni. The requirements are as follows: knowledge of military system/community resources, licensed LCSW or RN (RN must possess an AA or BS degree in community health, public health, or maternal/child nursing); 2+ years postgraduate experience in community health, public health, or maternal/child nursing, home visiting, or family/child counseling. A drivers' license and insurance is required. Only applicants meeting stated contract qualifications will be considered. For more details, call 253-6553 or stop by Building 411, Room 127.

—Employment opportunities are available at Softland International's Iwakuni video rental and audio resale outlets. Contact Torii Video, Building 497, 253-4700, or Torii Tunes, second floor of Main Exchange at 253-2555.

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel:)

—Administrative Assistant, MCCS Admin, NF-03, regular full time.
—Budget Technician, MCCS Finance, NF-03, regular full time.
—Graphic Artist, Marketing, NF-02, regular full time.
—Assistant Club Manager, Club Iwakuni, NF-03, regular full time.
—Warehouse Foreman, Warehouse, NS-04, regular full time.
—Retail Ops Assistant, Service Station, NF-02, regular full time.
—Recreation Ops Assistant, Teen Center, NF-02, regular full time.
—Aquatics Program/Lifeguard Supervisor, Aquatics, NF-03, regular full time.
—Waiter/Waitress, Club Iwakuni, NA-03, regular full time & flexible.
—Operations Assistant, Food Court, NF-02, regular full time.
—Retail Ops Assistant, NF-02, Service Station, regular full time.
—Food Service Worker, Food Court & Burger King, NA-02, regular full time & flexible.
—Sales Associate/Cashier, Sound Shop, NF-01, regular full time.
—Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Exchange, NF-01, regular full time.
—Store Worker, Main Exchange, NA-02, regular full time.
—Sales Associate/Cashier, Auto Mini Mart, NF-01, regular full time & flexible.
—Program Assistant, Child Development Center, CC-1, regular full time & flexible.
—Recreation Assistant, NF-02, regular full time & flexible.
—Recreation Attendant, NF-01, regular part time & flexible.
Pick up a job application in the MCCS Personnel Office, Crossroads Mall 2nd floor, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. or call 253-3030.

HRO Job Openings

(Human Resources Office is currently accepting applications for the following positions:)

—Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor(s), open until filled.
—Child Development Center Director, GS-1701-09, open until filled.
—Management and Program Analysis Officer, GS-0343-13, open until filled.
—Contract Specialist Supervisory, GS-1102-11, open until filled.
—Supervisory Librarian, GS-1410-09, open until filled.
—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-07, open until filled.
—Contract Specialist, GS-1102-11, open until filled.
—Family Member Employment Program Specialist, GS-0301-09, open until filled.
—Mechanical Engineer, GS-0830-12, open until filled.
—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-9/11, open until filled.
—Supervisory Education Services Specialist, GS-1740-12, open until filled.
—Housing Manager, GS-1173-11, open until filled.
—Interdisciplinary Engineer Supervisory, GS-0800-12, open until filled.
—Mechanical Engineer, GS-0830-12, open until filled.
—Supply Management Officer, GS-2003-11, open until filled.
—Interdisciplinary, Psychologist/Social Worker, GS-0180-11, open until filled.
—Human Resources Management Assistant, GS-303-05, open until filled.
—Store worker, WG-6914-04, open until filled.
—Materials Handler Leader, WL-6907-05, open until filled.
—Cable Splicer Supervisor, WS-2504-07, open until filled.
—Prevention and Education Specialist, GS-1701-09, next cut off Oct. 10.
(For additional information and appropriate forms contact CHRO, Building 360, Room 32 at 253-6828.)

To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs will run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

The Verdict

Non-Judicial Punishment:

A Marine was charged with Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation, for consuming alcohol underage. The Marine received a reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 pay for two months, 45 days restriction and 45 days Extra Police Duty.

A Marine was charged with Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation, for Liberty Risk Order violation, by consuming alcohol. The Marine received a reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 pay for two months, 45 days restriction and 45 days Extra Police Duty.

A Marine was charged with Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation, underage alcohol consumption. The Marine received a reduction to E-1, Forfeiture of \$502 for two months and 60 days restriction.

What's cooking at the Messhalls ...

Friday (Hispanic Heritage Meal)

Lunch: Chili Con Carne, Beef Burrito, Beef Fajitas, Chicken Fajitas, Tacos

Dinner: Turkey Pot Pie, Meat Loaf

Saturday

Dinner Brunch: Chicken Vega, Roast Pork

Sunday

Dinner Brunch: Honey Glazed Rock Cornish Hens, Pepper Steak

Monday (Columbus Day)

Dinner Brunch: Baked Ham, Oven Roast Beef

Tuesday

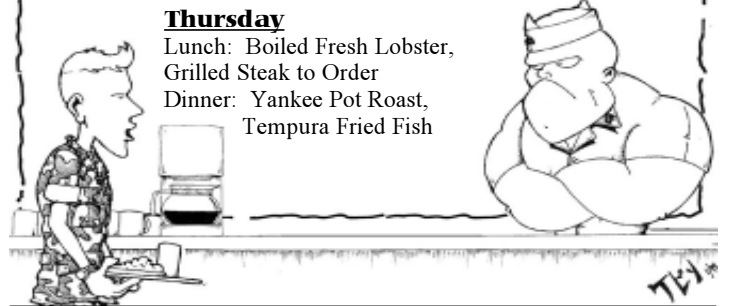
Lunch: Baked Fish, Turkey A La King,
Dinner: Meat Loaf, Breaded Pork Steaks

Wednesday

Lunch: Barbecue Beef Cubes, French Fried Fish Portions
Dinner: Pork Adobo, Swiss Steak with Mushroom Gravy

Thursday

Lunch: Boiled Fresh Lobster,
Grilled Steak to Order
Dinner: Yankee Pot Roast,
Tempura Fried Fish



Weekend's Weather

Today



Saturday



Sunday



Monday



Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Oct. 6	8:21 a.m.	4.20	1:48 a.m.	7.47
	10:51 p.m.	6.65	4:12 p.m.	8.19
Oct. 7	10:08 a.m.	4.75	3:06 a.m.	6.85
	---	---	6:05 p.m.	8.52
Oct. 8	12:32 a.m.	5.95	5:41 a.m.	6.99
	12:08 p.m.	4.36	6:59 p.m.	9.15
Oct. 9	1:14 a.m.	5.06	6:53 p.m.	7.81
	1:08 p.m.	3.62	7:41 p.m.	9.76
Oct. 10	1:44 a.m.	4.14	7:41 a.m.	8.72
	1:44 p.m.	2.88	8:11 p.m.	10.28
Oct. 11	2:14 a.m.	3.24	8:18 a.m.	9.56
	2:21 p.m.	2.25	8:42 p.m.	10.68
Oct. 12	2:45 a.m.	2.39	8:54 a.m.	10.29
	2:57 p.m.	1.80	9:12 p.m.	10.94

Education



Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

Oct. 25 - Defense Language Aptitude Battery

- Defense Language Proficiency Test

Oct. 26 - Armed Forces Classification Test

Oct. 30 - Electronics Data Processing Test

Testing begins at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sign up 15 minutes prior. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for service members. For more information call 253-3855.

Total Quality Training Opportunities

Total Quality classes offered:

Oct. 6 Fundamental of TQ in English

Oct. 9-13 Team Skills and Concepts in English

Oct. 16-19 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

Oct. 30-Nov. 3 Fundamentals of TQ in Japanese

Anyone is welcome to sign up and take the classes. There is no fee for students. To reserve a seat call 253-4719 or e-mail hornew@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

Human Resources Office Classes

Nov. 16, 30, Dec. 7 - USCS information seminars. Supervisors of MLC employees must attend this class, to learn the nuances of Master Labor Contracts. The class will be held in Building 411, Room 115, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For more information e-mail gillespiej@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

*Registration

Term II registration for Central Texas College and University of Maryland will begin Tuesday and continue until Oct. 20. For more information call Education Services at 253-3855.

Community



Medical Clinic Health Promotions

Tobacco Cessation Courses will be held Oct. 18, 20, 25, 27, Dec. 13, 15, 20 and 22. Controlling Cholesterol Course will be held Oct. 26 and Dec. 21 from 10-11 a.m. All classes are held in the Branch Medical Clinic library. For more information call 253-3266.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

Navy Ball

This year's Navy Ball will be held Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni ball room. For tick-

ets and information call Cmdr. Lund at 253-4561 or Master Chief Caballa at 253-6793.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides interest-free loans or grants for Navy and Marine Corps members and their families to meet their immediate, emergency needs. They also offer budget counseling, spouse tuition aid, and layette packages for newborns. They cannot pay for vacations, nonessentials, telephone bills, and fines/legal expenses. A budget will be prepared at your appointment. You must bring a current LES and verification of assistance needed. For more information call 253-5311.

Community CPR/First Aid

American Red Cross has scheduled a community cardio pulmonary resuscitation and first aid course Oct. 21, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at Building 411. There is a fee and registration is required. Call 253-4525 or stop by Building 360, Room 34.

Developmental Screenings

Early Intervention Services offers free developmental screenings for children under 3. Therapy and parenting help are also available as needed. For more information call 253-4562.

Baby Playgroup

Baby playgroup for parents and infants up to 12 months, is held every Friday, 10-11 a.m. in Building 553, Room 339. For more information call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services at 253-4562 or Marine New Parent Support Program at 253-6553.

Energy Awareness Week

During Energy Awareness Week, Oct. 23-28, many activities and events will take place to include a 10-kilometer race, essay and poster contest, Super Energy Hero contest, car jam contest and a bike race. Prizes will be given away. For more information call 253-3044.

Marine Corps Community Services

Oktoberfest

Marine Corps Community Services will hold its annual Oktoberfest Saturday, 6-11 p.m. in the MAC Dome. All station personnel and guests are welcome. Entry is free; food and beverages will be sold. The evening includes a variety of entertainment and games. Call 253-6184.

Photo Hobby Classes

The Photo Hobby Shop offers a basic photography class Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon. Topics include composition, exposure, filters, and basic camera functions. To register call 253-6510.

Food Court Hours Change

Beginning Sunday, the Food Court hours will change. New hours are Sunday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Burger King opens daily at 7 a.m. Breakfast is served until 10:30 a.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. weekends. **Moxie Java** opens weekdays 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m., weekends 7 a.m.-8 p.m. **Frank's**

operates daily 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Fall Bazaar

The annual Fall Bazaar will take place Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the MAC Dome. For more information or to volunteer call 253-4911.

Advanced Key Volunteer Training

Key Volunteers may participate in this workshop Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Call 253-3754.

LINKS in Japanese

Japanese spouses are encouraged to attend a LINKS seminar conducted in Japanese Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Marine Corps Family Team Building's LINKS program offers information to military spouses. Call 253-3754 or 253-3008.

Interview Workshop

Job seekers are encouraged to attend a job interview skills workshop Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Room 216 of the Community Services Building, Room 216.

Rap Video Contest

High school students may enter a Domestic Violence Awareness rap video contest. The deadline to enter is Oct. 27; prizes will be awarded. For details and entry requirements call 253-4526.

"Konnichiwa" Japan

Community Services holds a free class on Japanese culture Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information call 253-6165.

Chapel Services



Chapel News

(1)- Chapel Annex (2)- School Gym

Roman Catholic

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass (2)

Sunday 9 a.m. Mass (2)

Protestant

Sunday 10 a.m. Church of Christ (1)

10:30 a.m. General Service (2)

noon Gospel Service (2)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 12:30 p.m. Service (1)

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Shabat (1)

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity, call the station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station Chapel.

Yom Kippur

The Iwakuni Jewish Community will hold services for Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) Sunday-Monday. For information on times and locations call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 in the evening or the station Chapel at 253-5218.

Sports Briefs

Torii Pines Hours Change

Golf course hours of operation change beginning tomorrow. New hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, and holidays 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The driving range opens nightly at 6:30.

Holiday Bowling

The Southside Lanes offers reduced price bowling on the Columbus Day holiday 1-9 p.m. For more information call 253-4657.

Youth Olympics

Youth ages 12 months to 12 years may participate in Youth Olympics, Oct. 21 beginning at 10 a.m. (rain date: October 23). For more information call 253-2127.

Kyushu Hike

Outdoor Recreation will go hiking Oct. 21-22. For more information call 253-3822.

Taiku no Hi Tourney

In honor of Japanese Sports Day, Athletics holds a racquetball tournament Oct. 14. Participants will meet Oct. 10 in the Main Gym. Play is open to base personnel age 16 and up. For more information call 253-5777.

Goodwill Golf Tourney

Torii Pines Golf Course hosts the MCAS and Iwakuni JCs Goodwill Golf Tournament on Oct. 21. Play is open to air station and Iwakuni JC golfers. Torii Pines extends a special invitation to members of the U.S. JCs to join the tournament and/or the cookout afterward. Call 253-3402.

3-on-3 Basketball

Air Station personnel age 16 and older may participate in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Oct. 21. Call 253-5777. Sign up by Oct. 16.

The Scoreboard

Volleyball tournament

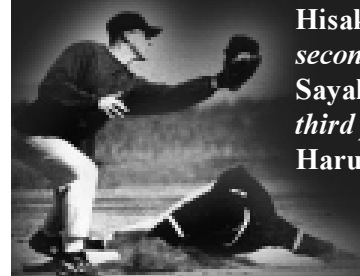
Sept. 30

- first place* - Howie Wilson,
Dan White
second place - Shawn Straka,
Kevin Keller
third place - Jennifer Forsythe,
Tony Lattner

Golf tournament

Championship Flight

- first place* -
Hisaki Yomemura
second place -
Sayaka Manago
third place -
Harutoshi Fugitake



From Devil Dog to Golf Pro

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
Torii Teller Staff

For 12 years, station residents have been going to Torii Pines golf course to see a guy swing a club.

No, it's not Tiger Woods, it's the air station's own club pro and golf course manager, John Robins.

Although he didn't start playing as young as Woods, he did start playing at a young age.

When Robins was 13 years old, he got a job as a caddy and it was just a matter of time until he started to play the game.

"It was like on the movie,

'Caddy Shack'," Robins said.

"When the course was closed on Mondays, the caddies were allowed to go out and play."

As the Kansas City, Mo., native got older, he answered his calling to join the Marine Corps in 1958.

In 1966, Robins was sent to serve in Vietnam.

Upon his return, he was stationed at Camp Lejeune, where he rediscovered his love of golf and began to play regularly again. The more he improved, the more serious he got about the game.

"After my first tour in Vietnam, I needed to find a better way to relax," he said.

Even though Robins was getting time to prepare for what would become a big part of his future, his country called on him once again.

During his 30 years in the Marine Corps, Robins says the Corps never really changed. In all the duty stations he served, he continually worked on his game during his off-duty time.

Due to his hard work and practice on the green, by the time he was a gunnery sergeant, Robins was playing in the All-Marine golf tournaments and did well.

"I usually got through the regionals and made seven out of 12 All-Marine teams," he said.

Robins continued to play in competitions and ended up winning the All-Marine Golf Tournament in the early '80s. After winning, Robins knew what his future had in store for him.

"I knew this was going to be my second career, so I started learning to teach," Robins said. "At first I started giving tips and that progressed to giving lessons."

"My original plans were to go to the San Diego Golf Academy and start my career as a club pro," he said. "But the position here opened up, and I've been

doing it for 12 years."

Since Robins has been working at Torii Pines, he has started some new programs to get more residents interested in golf. He has initiated programs inviting all ages and ranks to the golf course to learn the sport.

"I talked to a lot of Marines, and they thought that golf courses in the Marine Corps didn't want troops there," he said. "Knowing that wasn't true, I started giving sergeants and below free lessons to get them out there."

Although the lessons are free for sergeants and below, Robins says they are open to the whole community.

This year alone, the pro has given lessons to more than 130 people. The number includes children who have participated in one of the two summer golf camps.

Above all, Robins wants the Iwakuni community to know the policies and procedures of the golf course are not meant to discourage people from taking up the game, but to ensure more people get the opportunity.

"My enjoyment is being able to introduce people to the sport," Robins said. "I'll teach the 10-year-old looking for something else to do or the 50-year-old who wants to take a swing at that little white ball."



photo by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

Torii Pines' Golf Pro, John Robins, demonstrates proper technique when using an iron on the golf course.

Paintball course's stinging upgrades

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

The Boars Head Lodge paintball range has been open for five months and has made some improvements, which add to the fun.

Individuals can now battle it out with faster shooting guns, and seek cover from their opponent's behind new barriers.

"There has been a lot of improvements and the patronage has gone up considerably," said Bobby Dillard, assistant director of Outdoor Recreation. "We get calls from all the units, to conduct unit physical training out there."

According to Dillard, who is a paintball referee, it's great to watch units compete because they have a competitive edge and tend to lay into each other more than if they were playing against strangers.

"It's best to have a team that communicates with one another," Dillard said. "Communication is important on the field."



Randall Hershberger, SAR crew chief, runs through a flooded area to escape a barrage of paintballs from opponents during an "Elimination Match" on the paintball course, at the Boars Head Lodge.



Bobby Dillard, assistant director of Outdoor Recreation, finds time to get some paintballing in at the Boars Head Lodge, when he's not refereeing another match.

The old single shot pump loading guns have been replaced with new semi automatic guns, allowing a barrage of paintballs to be laid upon a competitor in a matter of seconds. Opponents must be quick on their feet, or wind up becoming an easy target.

"It's set up for speedball, but it's a basic offensive and defensive course," Dillard said. "While playing speed ball, it's best to move quickly from obstacle to obstacle and barricade to barricade."

One of the wanted or unwanted

rewards for playing paintball are the bruises that can be showed off, laughed at and used to start conversations. If you play you'll get hit, and if you get hit you'll get bruised.

"People shouldn't be afraid of coming out to play paintball," Dillard said. "It's going to sting when you first get hit, but as long as you follow the safety rules on the field, it will be safe."

At any given time there are players of all ability levels on the field. With each game and bruise comes experience to become a faster, quicker, smarter and deadlier paintball player.

For those just starting out or who don't have their own gear, Outdoor Recreation supplies 200 paintballs, protective gear and a gun for \$20. Containers of 100 to 1000 extra balls can be purchased if players are trigger-happy.

"We've got a tournament coming up in November," Dillard said. "It's a five on five tournament and we need a minimum of six teams to play."

"The tournament will be held Nov. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to all sofa status personnel and their guests. Each member of the first place team will receive a Kingman Spider semi-automatic paintball marker.

Units or individuals can register or get more information about paintball by calling Outdoor Recreation at 253-3822.



Between matches, competitors refill their hoppers, so they don't run out of paintballs in the heat of battle.